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Poverty guidelines since 1982 for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia can be calculated by addition using the figures shown below. (This simple calculation procedure gives correct guideline figures for each year, but it is not identical to the procedure by which the poverty guidelines are calculated from the poverty thresholds each year; see an [example calculation](#).) Before 1982, the poverty guidelines were issued by the Office of Economic Opportunity/Community Services Administration.

**NOTE: The poverty guideline figures below are NOT the figures the Census Bureau uses to calculate the number of poor persons.**

The figures that the Census Bureau uses are the [poverty thresholds](#).

HHS Poverty Guidelines

YEAR	FIRST PERSON	EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	(FOUR-PERSON FAMILY)	PAGE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS
2018	\$12,140	\$4,320	(\$25,100)	2018 Guidelines
2017	\$12,060	\$4,180	(\$24,600)	<a href="#">2017 Guidelines</a>
2016	\$11,880	<a href="#">Varies</a>	(\$24,300)	<a href="#">2016 Guidelines</a>

2015	\$11,770	\$4,160	(\$24,250)	<a href="#">2015 Guidelines</a>
2014	\$11,670	\$4,060	(\$23,850)	<a href="#">2014 Guidelines</a>
2013	\$11,490	\$4,020	(\$23,550)	<a href="#">2013 Guidelines</a>
2012	\$11,170	\$3,960	(\$23,050)	<a href="#">2012 Guidelines</a>
2011	10,890	3,820	( 22,350)	<a href="#">2011 Guidelines</a>
2010	10,830	3,740	( 22,050)	<a href="#">Guidelines for Remainder of 2010 Extension of 2009 Guidelines Until at Least 5/31/2010</a>
2009	10,830	3,740	( 22,050)	<a href="#">2009 Guidelines</a>
2008	10,400	3,600	( 21,200)	<a href="#">2008 Guidelines</a>
2007	10,210	3,480	( 20,650)	<a href="#">2007 Guidelines</a>
2006	9,800	3,400	( 20,000)	<a href="#">2006 Guidelines</a>
2005	9,570	3,260	( 19,350)	<a href="#">2005 Guidelines</a>
2004	9,310	3,180	( 18,850)	<a href="#">2004 Guidelines</a>
2003	8,980	3,140	( 18,400)	<a href="#">2003 Guidelines</a>
2002	8,860	3,080	( 18,100)	<a href="#">2002 Guidelines</a>
2001	8,590	3,020	( 17,650)	<a href="#">2001 Guidelines</a>
2000	8,350	2,900	( 17,050)	<a href="#">2000 Guidelines</a>
1999	8,240	2,820	( 16,700)	<a href="#">1999 Guidelines</a>
1998	8,050	2,800	( 16,450)	<a href="#">1998 Guidelines</a>
1997	7,890	2,720	( 16,050)	<a href="#">1997 Guidelines</a>
1996	7,740	2,620	( 15,600)	<a href="#">1996 Guidelines</a>
1995	7,470	2,560	( 15,150)	
1994	7,360	2,480	( 14,800)	

1993	6,970	2,460	( 14,350)	
1992	6,810	2,380	( 13,950)	
1991	6,620	2,260	( 13,400)	
1990	6,280	2,140	( 12,700)	
1989	5,980	2,040	( 12,100)	
1988	5,770	1,960	( 11,650)	
1987	5,500	1,900	( 11,200)	
1986	5,360	1,880	( 11,000)	
1985	5,250	1,800	( 10,650)	
1984	4,980	1,740	( 10,200)	
1983	4,860	1,680	( 9,900)	
1982*	4,680	1,540	( 9,300)	
* Figures for nonfarm families only.				

For a table showing the poverty guidelines for all family sizes back to 1965, see [Table 3.E8](#) in the most recent Annual Statistical Supplement of the Social Security Bulletin .

Poverty guidelines for the years shown above can be found in the *Federal Register* as follows:

2016 Vol. 81, No.15, January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037

2015 Vol. 80, No. 14, January 22, 2015, pp. 3236-3237

2014 Vol. 79, No. 14, January 22, 2014, pp. 3593-3594

2013 Vol. 78, No. 16, January 24, 2013, pp. 5182-5183

2012 Vol. 77, No. 17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035

2011 Vol. 76, No. 13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638

2010 (Delayed update) Vol. 75, No. 148, August 3, 2010, pp. 45628-45629

(Extension of the 2009 poverty guidelines until at least March 1, 2010)<sup>1</sup> Vol. 75, No. 14, January 22, 2010, pp. 3734-3735

2009 Vol. 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199-4201

2008 Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971-3972

2007 Vol. 72, No. 15, January 24, 2007, pp. 3147-3148

2006 Vol. 71, No. 15, January 24, 2006, pp. 3848-3849

2005 Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375  
2004 Vol. 69, No. 30, February 13, 2004, pp. 7336-7338  
2003 Vol. 68, No. 26, February 7, 2003, pp. 6456-6458  
2002 Vol. 67, No. 31, February 14, 2002, pp. 6931-6933  
2001 Vol. 66, No. 33, February 16, 2001, pp. 10695-10697

2000 Vol. 65, No. 31, February 15, 2000, pp. 7555-7557  
1999 Vol. 64, No. 52, March 18, 1999, pp. 13428-13430  
1998 Vol. 63, No. 36, February 24, 1998, pp. 9235-9238  
1997 Vol. 62, No. 46, March 10, 1997, pp. 10856-10859  
1996 Vol. 61, No. 43, March 4, 1996, pp. 8286-8288

1995 Vol. 60, No. 27, February 9, 1995, pp. 7772-7774  
1994 Vol. 59, No. 28, February 10, 1994, pp. 6277-6278  
1993 Vol. 58, No. 28, February 12, 1993, pp. 8287-8289  
1992 Vol. 57, No. 31, February 14, 1992, pp. 5455-5457  
1991 Vol. 56, No. 34, February 20, 1991, pp. 6589-6861

1990 Vol. 55, No. 33, February 16, 1990, pp. 5664-5666  
1989 Vol. 54, No. 31, February 16, 1989, pp. 7097-7098  
1988 Vol. 53, No. 29, February 12, 1988, pp. 4213-4214  
1987 Vol. 52, No. 34, February 20, 1987, pp. 5340-5341  
1986 Vol. 51, No. 28, February 11, 1986, pp. 5105-5106

1985 Vol. 50, No. 46, March 8, 1985, pp. 9517-9518 <sup>2</sup>  
1984 Vol. 49, No. 39, February 27, 1984, pp. 7151-7152  
1983 Vol. 48, No. 34, February 17, 1983, pp. 7010-7011  
1982 Vol. 47, No. 69, April 9, 1982, pp. 15417-15418

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<sup>1</sup> The Congress subsequently extended the 2009 guidelines until at least March 31 and then until at least May 31, 2010. HHS reported those extensions on the Poverty Guidelines web site.

<sup>2</sup> For a correction of a typographical error in one figure for Hawaii for 1985, see Federal Register , Vol. 50, No. 50, March 14, 1985, p. 10319.

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